

REMARKS

Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination upon receiving the Panel Decision in response to Applicant's Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Review filed October 14, 2005. Further, the Examiner's clear and concise comments in the Advisory Action and the Final Office Action are appreciated.

Applicant has carefully studied the Final Office Action of June 14, 2005 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Claims 1 and 4-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hsu. Applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hsu in view of Weiss et al. (hereinafter "Weiss"). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hsu in view of Lin et al. (hereinafter "Lin").

In light of comments made by the Examiner in the Advisory Action and the Final Office Action, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims 1, 9, and 10 to clarify that the shift in processing from one processor to another takes place in a dynamic fashion in the midst of processing at least one signal in the given channel. The signal could represent a call or other defined communication session. As such, the claims clearly define dynamically shifting processing, such that a given signal can be handled by multiple processors. Hsu fails to teach or suggest such a dynamic shift in processing. Therefore, it does not anticipate any of the pending claims 1-14. Further, Weiss and Lin fail to teach or suggest this element. Accordingly, none of the cited references, alone or in combination, anticipate or render obvious the invention as defined in the currently amended claims. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 6, lines 3-6, and page 9, line 5 through page 10, line 5.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein. Applicant earnestly solicits claim allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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